

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) An application server used in a network photograph service system comprising:

image storing means for storing a plurality of images;

image selecting means for enabling a service user to select at least one of the plurality of stored images, by enabling the stored images to be viewed on a ~~the~~ network;

61 mail generating means for generating an electronic mail message with the selected image as an attachment to the electronic mail message, without requiring a recipient of the electronic mail with attached image to activate an address that points the recipient to a file which stores the selected image;

destination address specifying means for enabling the service user to specify a destination address of the electronic mail message;

~~mail transmitting means for transmitting the electronic mail message to the destination address specified by the destination address specifying means; and~~

user address setting means for enabling the service user to directly set the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, wherein the address of the sender is an automatic reply address; and ~~set their electronic mail address thereof,~~

mail transmitting means for transmitting the electronic mail message to the destination address specified by the destination address specifying means, wherein the mail transmitting means describes the mail address set by the user address setting means as the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, and wherein the address of the sender of the electronic mail message is an automatic reply address.

2. (Previously Presented) An application server used in a network photograph service system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising comment inputting means for enabling the service user to input a comment on the image selected by the image selecting means; wherein the mail generating means generates an electronic mail message including the input comment as text.

3. (Previously Presented) An application server used in a network photograph service system as claimed in claim 1, further comprising attachment mode selecting means for enabling the service user to select an attachment mode by presenting a plurality of attachment modes as formats for attaching the image,

wherein the mail generating means attaches the image according to the attachment mode selected by the attachment mode selecting means.

4. (Previously Presented) An application server used in a network photograph service system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the destination address specifying means enables specification of a plurality of destination addresses for one electronic mail message.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Currently Amended) An application server used in a network photograph service system, comprising:

image storing means for storing a plurality of images;

image selecting means for enabling a service user to select at least one of the plurality of stored images, by enabling the stored images to be viewed on a network;

mail generating means for generating an electronic mail message with an address of the selected image;

destination address specifying means for enabling the service user to specify a destination address of the electronic mail message;

user address setting means for enabling the service user to directly set the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, wherein the address of the sender is an automatic reply address; and

mail transmitting means for transmitting the electronic mail message to the specified destination address wherein the

mail transmitting means describes the mail address set by the user address setting means as the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, ~~and wherein the address of the sender of the electronic mail message is an automatic reply address,~~ and

~~user address setting means for enabling the service user to set their mail address.~~

61 7. (Original) A network photograph service system as claimed in claim 6, further comprising comment inputting means for enabling the service user to input a comment on the image selected by the image selecting means, characterized by that

the mail generating means generates an electronic mail message including the input comment as text.

8. (Previously Presented) An application server used in a network photograph service system as claimed in claim 6, wherein the destination address specifying means enables specification of a plurality of destination addresses for one electronic mail message.

9.-10. (Canceled).

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising obtaining image identification information of the

selected image and destination address information of desired recipient subsequent to said selecting step, said obtaining performed by the center server.

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, wherein the recipient receives the electronic mail message with attached image without having to activate an address in the text of the message that points the recipient to a file on the center server that stores the selected image.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising inputting comment data on the selected image, said inputting performed by the user of the system before said electronic mail message with attached image is transmitted to the recipient.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further comprising selecting a desired attachment mode from a plurality of selectable attachment modes as formats for attaching the image to the electronic mail message, said selecting performed by the user of the system.

15.-16. (Canceled).

17. (Currently Amended) A network photograph service system, comprising:

image storing means for storing a plurality of images;

image selecting means for enabling a service user to select at least one of the plurality of stored images, by enabling the stored images to be viewed on a network;

mail generating means for generating an electronic mail message with an address of the selected image, wherein a mail address of the application server is set as an address of the sender, and wherein the address of the sender of the electronic mail message is an automatic reply address;

destination address specifying means for enabling the service user to specify a destination address of the electronic mail message; and

mail transmitting means for transmitting the electronic mail message to the specified destination address; and

user address setting means for enabling the service user to set their mail address directly set the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, wherein the address of the sender is an automatic reply address.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of sending electronic mail messages with attached images in a network photograph service system, comprising:

displaying a plurality of selectable images to be transmitted to a recipient as an attachment to an electronic mail message, for viewing by the user on a device of the user;

selecting at least one of the plurality of selectable images at the user's device;

displaying the selected at least one image in a manner that distinguishes the at least one image from the rest of the selectable images;

reading an image file corresponding to the selected image from a memory;

61 converting the read image file into an attachment document format for the electronic mail message;

setting the user's send address for sending the electronic mail message with image attachment, said setting performed by the user, ~~wherein said transmitting step transmits the electronic mail message with image attachment using the set send address of the user, and~~ wherein the address of the sender of the electronic mail message is an automatic reply address; and

transmitting the electronic mail message with attached image to the recipient, wherein said transmitting step transmits the electronic mail message with image attachment using the set send address of the user.

19. (Currently Amended) A method of sending electronic mail messages with attached images in a network photograph service system, comprising:

displaying a plurality of selectable images to be transmitted to a recipient as an attachment to an electronic mail message, for viewing by the user on a device of the user;

selecting at least one of the plurality of selectable images at the user's device;

displaying at the same time a comment box, a destination input box, and images having been selected as targets of transmission;

reading an image file corresponding to the selected image from a memory at the server;

converting the read image file into an attachment document format for the electronic mail message;

setting the user's send address for sending the electronic mail message with image attachment, said setting performed by the user, ~~wherein said transmitting step transmits the electronic mail message with image attachment using the set send address of the user, and wherein the~~ address of the sender of an electronic mail message is an automatic reply address; and

transmitting the electronic mail message with attached image to the recipient, wherein said transmitting step

transmits the electronic mail message with image attachment
using the set send address of the user.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising obtaining image identification information of the selected image and destination address information of desired recipient subsequent to said selecting step, said obtaining performed by the center server.

6) 21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, wherein the recipient receives the electronic mail message with attached image without having to activate an address in the text of the message that points the recipient to a file on the center server that stores the selected image.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising inputting comment data on the selected image, said inputting performed by the user of the system before said electronic mail message with attached image is transmitted to the recipient.

23. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 19, further comprising selecting a desired attachment mode from a plurality of selectable attachment modes as formats for attaching the image to

the electronic mail message, said selecting performed by the user of the system.

24. (Canceled).

25. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18, further including displaying at the same time a comment box, a destination input box, and images having been selected as targets of transmission.

26. (Currently Amended) A method of sending electronic mail messages with attached images in a network photograph service system, comprising:

storing a plurality of images;

enabling a service user to select at least one of the plurality of stored images, by enabling the stored images to be viewed on a network;

displaying the selected at least one image in a manner that distinguishes the at least one image from the rest of the selectable images;

generating an electronic mail message with an address of the selected image;

enabling the service user to specify a destination address of the electronic mail message;

providing the address of a sender of the electronic mail message as an automatic reply address;

transmitting the electronic mail message to the specified destination address; and

enabling the service user to ~~set their mail address~~ directly set the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, wherein the address of the sender is an automatic reply address.

27. (Currently Amended) A method of sending electronic mail messages with attached images in a network photograph service system, comprising:

61 storing a plurality of images;

enabling a service user to select at least one of the plurality of stored images, by enabling the stored images to be viewed on a network;

displaying at the same time a comment box, a destination input box, and the at least one image having been selected as targets of transmission;

generating an electronic mail message with an address of the selected image;

enabling the service user to specify a destination address of the electronic mail message;

providing the address of a sender of the electronic mail message as an automatic reply address;

transmitting the electronic mail message to the specified destination address; and

enabling the service user to ~~set their mail address~~ directly set the address of the sender of the electronic mail message, wherein the address of the sender is an automatic reply address.

28. (Previously Presented) The application server used in a network photograph service system as claimed in claim 3, further comprising selecting means for selecting between sending the image itself and sending the address of the image.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising selecting between sending the image itself and sending the address of the image.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 23, further comprising selecting between sending the image itself and sending the address of the image.

31. (Canceled).